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FOR HEW SECRETARY WEINBERGER FROM CHARGE

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SUBJECT: WEINBERGER VISIT TO EUROPE

REF: STATE 152177

1. WE WELCOME YOUR PROPOSAL TO VISIT LONDON AND WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS VISIT AS USEFUL AS POSSIBLE. HOWEVER AUGUST IS NOT ONLY A HOLIDAY MONTH WHEN MANY PEOPLE WILL BE AWAY, BUT AUGUST 22 TO 27 BRACKETS THE AUGUST BANK HOLIDAY WEEKEND (AUGUST 26) WHICH IS THE QUIETEST PERIOD OF THE YEAR IN LONDON. EVEN THOSE OFFICIALS WHO ARE HERE IN AUGUST MAY PLAN TO BE AWAY ON THE FRIDAY BEFORE AND THE TUESDAY AFTERWARDS, IF ONLY TO AVOID THE TRAFFIC JAMS.

2. WE NOTE THAT THE WORLD POPULATION CONFERENCE RUNS FROM AUGUST 19 TO 30, AND WE WONDER IF IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO SCHEDULE YOUR LONDON VISIT EITHER JUST BEFORE THE CONFERENCE, PERHAPS AUGUST 13 TO 17, OR IN THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF SEPTEMBER, PERHAPS SEPTEMBER 2 (WHICH IS NOT A HOLIDAY IN THE UK) TO SEPTEMBER 6. THE FACT THAT ONE OF THESE DAYS IS LABOR DAY SHOULD REDUCE THE PRESSURES ON YOU IN WASHINGTON.

3. IF THERE IS NO CHOICE BUT TO SCHEDULE AS MANY CALLS

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FOR YOU AS POSSIBLE FROM AUGUST 22 TO 27, WE SHALL, OF

COURSE, DO OUR BEST TO PROVIDE A FULL SCHEDULE FOR YOU.

4. WE HAVE TAKEN THE PRECAUTION OF MAKING THE HOTEL
RESERVATIONS REQUESTED IN PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL. BECAUSE
CONNAUGHT FULLY BOOKED ON DATES REQUESTED, WE ARE MAKING
RESERVATIONS AT CLARIDGES.
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